

**Amendments to the Claims:**

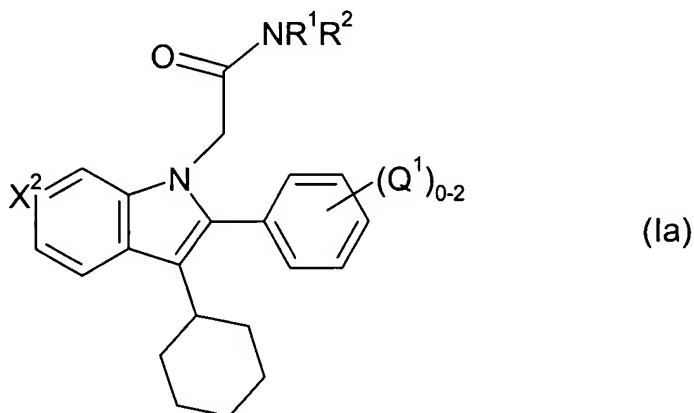
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

The listing of the claims which follows replaces any and all prior versions and/or listings of the claims in the application.

1 (canceled):

2 (currently amended): A compound of formula (Ia):



wherein  $Q^1$  is halogen, hydroxy,  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl, or  $C_{1-4}$  alkoxy;

$X^2$  is  $CR^3$ ;  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  are as defined in claim 1;

$R^1$  is  $CH_2Het$ , wherein Het is a heteroaliphatic ring of 4 to 7 ring atoms, which ring may contain 1, 2 or 3 heteroatoms selected from N, O or S or a group  $S(O)$ ,  $S(O)_2$ , NH or  $NC_{1-4}$  alkyl; provided that  $R^1$  is optionally substituted by hydroxy,  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl,  $=O$ ,  $C(O)C_{1-4}$  alkyl or  $C_{3-8}$  cycloalkyl;

$R^2$  is hydrogen or  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl;

$R^3$  is  $CO_2H$ , heteroaryl, or  $C(O)NR^9R^{10}$ ;

$R^9$  is hydrogen or methyl;

$R^{10}$  is  $SO_2R^{11}$ ; and

$R^{11}$  is  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl, phenyl, benzyl, trifluoromethyl,  $CH_2CF_3$ , methoxyphenyl, pyridyl, thienyl, or  $(CH_2)_2$  phenyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

3 (currently amended): A compound as claimed in claim 1 ~~2~~ selected from:

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(4-methylphenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(2-fluorophenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(3-methylphenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(2-hydroxypyrimidin-5-yl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(3-furyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~

~~3-{6-carboxy-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-1H-indol-2-yl}pyridinium trifluoroacetate;~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(methylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{{(1-methylpyrrolidin-3-yl)methyl}amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid hydrochloride;~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid trifluoroacetate;~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{{[1-(5-methyl-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)ethyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid trifluoroacetate;~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{{methyl[(1-methylpiperidin-3-yl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid trifluoroacetate;~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{{[(1-methylpiperidin-3-yl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid trifluoroacetate;~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{{methyl[(1-methylpiperidin-2-yl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid trifluoroacetate;~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{{methyl[(5-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid trifluoroacetate;~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid trifluoroacetate;~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{{[2-(1-methylpyrrolidin-3-yl)ethyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid trifluoroacetate;~~

~~2-[3-cyclohexyl-2-phenyl-6-(1*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)-1*H*-indol-1-yl]-*N,N*-dimethylacetamide;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-*N*-methyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-2-{3-[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]phenyl}-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)prop-2-en-1-yl]-2-(2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-7-yl)-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~2-[3-cyclohexyl-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-1-yl]-*N,N*-dimethylacetamide;~~  
~~3-[3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-(3-furyl)-1*H*-indol-6-yl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4*H*)-one;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-*N*-(ethylsulfonyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide;~~  
~~*N*-(benzylsulfonyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide;~~  
~~2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~1-[[5-carboxy-3-cyclohexyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-indol-1-yl]acetyl]-*N,N*-dimethylpiperidin-4-aminium trifluoroacetate;~~  
~~1-[[5-carboxy-3-cyclohexyl-2-(3-furyl)-1*H*-indol-1-yl]acetyl]-*N,N*-dimethylpiperidin-4-aminium trifluoroacetate;~~  
~~(4-[[6-carboxy-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1*H*-indol-1-yl]acetyl]morpholin-2-yl)-*N,N*-dimethylmethanaminium trifluoroacetate;~~  
~~1-[2-[benzyl(methyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl]-3-cyclohexyl-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~1-(2-amino-2-oxoethyl)-3-cyclohexyl-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(7-methyl-2,7-diazaspiro[4.4]non-2-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~1-[2-(benzylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-3-cyclohexyl-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-[[3*R*,4*R*]-4-hydroxy-1,1-dioxidotetrahydro-3-thienyl]amino)-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-oxo-2-(3-pyridin-3-ylpyrrolidin-1-yl)ethyl]-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{methyl[1-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)ethyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(4-methyl-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(6-methoxypyridin-2-yl)piperazin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-pyridin-4-yl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{3-[(dimethylamino)methyl]piperidin-1-yl}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{2-[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]piperidin-1-yl}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~(1-pyridin-4-ylethyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-oxo-2-{[(1-piperidin-1-yl)cyclopentyl)methyl]amino}ethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-oxo-2-(2-pyridin-4-ylpyrrolidin-1-yl)ethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[(1S,4S)-5-methyl-2,5-diazabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(hexahydropyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrazin-2(1H)-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{[2-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)ethyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[(cyclopropylmethyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-oxo-2-(prop-2-yn-1-ylamino)ethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[(2-morpholin-4-ylethyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-[methyl(1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)amino]-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{[2-(diisopropylamino)ethyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(3-fluoro-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~

~~2-(3-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(3-fluorophenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(3-thienyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~2-[4-(aminocarbonyl)phenyl]-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~2-[3-(acetylamino)phenyl]-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-[3-(1H-pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(3-hydroxyphenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(2-methylphenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-2-(3,5-difluorophenyl)-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-2-(3,4-difluorophenyl)-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-2-(2,4-difluorophenyl)-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~2-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~

3-cyclohexyl-2-(3-fluorophenyl)-1-(2-{methyl[(1-methylpiperidin-3-yl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{3-[(dimethylamino)methyl]piperidin-1-yl}-2-oxoethyl)-2-(3-fluorophenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~3-cyclopentyl-1-{2-[methyl(phenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~3-cyclopentyl-1-[2-oxo-2-(4-pyrrolidin-1-ylpiperidin-1-yl)ethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-oxo-2-(4-pyrrolidin-1-ylpiperidin-1-yl)ethyl]-2-pyridin-4-yl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~1-(2-[(1-acetylpyrrolidin-2-yl)methyl]amino)-2-oxoethyl)-3-cyclohexyl-2-pyridin-4-yl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[3-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxethyl](methyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(hexahydropyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrazin-2(1H)-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~3-cyclopentyl-1-(2-{methyl[(1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~3-cyclopentyl-1-(2-[(1-ethyl-5-oxopyrrolidin-3-yl)methyl]amino)-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-2-{4-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethoxy]phenyl}-1-(2-[methyl(pyrazin-2-yl)methyl]amino)-2-oxoethyl}-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~2-(4-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-[(1,1-dioxidotetrahydro-3-thienyl)methyl]amino)-2-oxoethyl)-2-(3-fluorophenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,

2-biphenyl-3-yl-3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,

2-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,

3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-(5-fluoro-2-methoxyphenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,

3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-(3-thienyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,

~~2-[4-(benzyloxy)phenyl]-3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-(4-isopropoxyphenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-[3-(piperidin-1-ylcarbonyl)phenyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-(3-methylphenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(methylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-5-carboxylic acid,~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{methyl[(1-methylpiperidin-3-yl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-5-carboxylic acid,~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl](methyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-2-phenyl-1H-indole-5-carboxylic acid,~~  
~~1-[2-(2-[[acetyl(methyl)amino]methyl]morpholin-4-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-3-cyclohexyl-2-(3-fluorophenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~  
~~3-cyclopentyl-1-[2-(1,1-dioxidothiomorpholin-4-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-5-carboxylic acid,~~  
~~3-cyclopentyl-1-[2-oxo-2-(4-pyrrolidin-1-ylpiperidin-1-yl)ethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-5-carboxylic acid,~~  
~~3-cyclopentyl-1-{2-[(cyclopropylmethyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-2-phenyl-1H-indole-5-carboxylic acid,~~  
~~3-cyclopentyl-1-(2-[[{(1-ethyl-5-oxopyrrolidin-3-yl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-5-carboxylic acid,~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-pyrimidin-5-yl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~  
~~2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~  
~~2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(4-isopropylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~  
~~2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-oxo-2-(3-pyrrolidin-1-ylpiperidin-1-yl)ethyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~  
~~2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-oxo-2-piperazin-1-ylethyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-2-(3-furyl)-1-[2-oxo-2-(4-pyrrolidin-1-ylpiperidin-1-yl)ethyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{2-[(dimethylamino)methyl]morpholin-4-yl}-2-oxoethyl)-2-(3-furyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~1-[2-(4-azetidin-1-yl)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl]-3-cyclohexyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-[2-oxo-2-(4-pyrrolidin-1-yl)piperidin-1-yl]ethyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(diethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-2-{3-[(dimethylamino)methyl]phenyl}-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-{3-[(1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)oxy]phenyl}-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-pyrrolo[3,2-b]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(1-naphthyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(2-naphthyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-1H,1'H-2,5'-bisindole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(8-methylquinolin-4-yl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-N-methyl-1-[2-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-N-[(4-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methyl]-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-N,N-dimethyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-N-isopropyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide;~~  
~~N-allyl-3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-N-[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-N-[(1-methylpiperidin-3-yl)methyl]-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-N-[(1-methylpyrrolidin-3-yl)methyl]-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-6-[(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)carbonyl]-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-N-(tetrahydrofuran-3-yl)-1H-indole-6-carboxamide;~~



~~3-cyclohexyl *N*-(1,1-dioxido-3-thienyl)-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl *N*-(2-furylmethyl)-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl *N*-[(6-methylpyridin-2-yl)methyl]-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-*N*,2-diphenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide;~~  
~~*N*-benzyl-3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide;~~  
~~4-[[3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-6-yl]carbonyl]piperazin-2-one;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl *N*-(2-methoxyethyl)-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl *N*-(2-morpholin-4-ylethyl)-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl *N*-[2-(1-methylpyrrolidin-3-yl)ethyl]-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide;~~  
~~*N*-[[3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-6-yl]carbonyl]-5-hydroxy-L-tryptophan;~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-*N*-[2-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)ethyl]-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide;~~  
~~3-{3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-6-yl}-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4*H*)-one;~~  
~~2-[3-cyclohexyl-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-1-yl]-*N*-methyl-*N*-[(1-methylpiperidin-3-yl)methyl]acetamide;~~  
~~2-[3-cyclohexyl-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-1-yl]-*N*,*N*-dimethylacetamide;~~  
~~3-[3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-6-yl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4*H*)-one;~~  
~~2-[3-cyclohexyl-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-1-yl]-*N*-[(1-methylpyrrolidin-3-yl)methyl]acetamide;~~  
~~3-[3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-(2-methylphenyl)-1*H*-indol-6-yl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4*H*)-one;~~  
~~3-[3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-(2-fluorophenyl)-1*H*-indol-6-yl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4*H*)-one;~~  
~~2-[3-cyclohexyl-2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-1*H*-indol-1-yl]-*N*,*N*-dimethylacetamide;~~

~~3-[3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1H-indol-6-yl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4H)-one,~~  
~~2-[3-cyclohexyl-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-2-[3-(piperidin-1-ylmethyl)phenyl]-1H-indol-1-yl]-N,N-dimethylacetamide,~~  
~~3-[3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-[3-[(dimethylamino)methyl]piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl)-2-[3-(piperidin-1-ylmethyl)phenyl]-1H-indol-6-yl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4H)-one,~~  
~~3-[3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-1H-indol-2-yl]-N,N-dimethylbenzamide,~~  
~~2-[3-cyclohexyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-1H-indol-1-yl]-N,N-dimethylacetamide,~~  
~~2-[2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-1H-indol-1-yl]-N,N-dimethylacetamide,~~  
~~3-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-indol-6-yl)-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4H)-one,~~  
~~3-[3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{2-[(dimethylamino)methyl]morpholin-4-yl}-2-oxoethyl)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1H-indol-6-yl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4H)-one,~~  
~~2-[3-cyclohexyl-2-(3-furyl)-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-1H-indol-1-yl]-N,N-dimethylacetamide,~~  
~~3-[3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{2-[(dimethylamino)methyl]morpholin-4-yl}-2-oxoethyl)-2-(3-furyl)-1H-indol-6-yl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4H)-one,~~  
~~3-[3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-(3-furyl)-1H-indol-6-yl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4H)-one,~~  
~~3-[3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{2-[(dimethylamino)methyl]morpholin-4-yl}-2-oxoethyl)-2-(5-methyl-2-furyl)-1H-indol-6-yl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4H)-one,~~  
~~3-[3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-[5-(piperidin-1-ylmethyl)-2-furyl]-1H-indol-6-yl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4H)-one,~~  
~~2-[3-cyclohexyl-2-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-1H-indol-1-yl]-N,N-dimethylacetamide,~~  
~~2-[3-cyclohexyl-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-indol-1-yl]-N,N-dimethylacetamide,~~  
~~3-[3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-[3-[(dimethylamino)methyl]piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl)-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-indol-6-yl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4H)-one,~~  
~~2-[3-cyclohexyl-2-(6-methoxypyridin-3-yl)-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-1H-indol-1-yl]-N,N-dimethylacetamide,~~  
~~3-[3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-(6-methoxypyridin-3-yl)-1H-indol-6-yl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4H)-one,~~

~~2-[3-cyclohexyl-2-(2-methoxypyridin-4-yl)-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-1H-indol-1-yl]-N,N-dimethylacetamide,~~  
~~2-[3-cyclohexyl-2-{2-[2-(dimethylamino)ethoxy]pyridin-4-yl}-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-1H-indol-1-yl]-N,N-dimethylacetamide,~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-(methylsulfonyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-(ethylsulfonyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-(ethylsulfonyl)-2-(3-furyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-(ethylsulfonyl)-2-(6-methoxypyridin-3-yl)-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-N-(ethylsulfonyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-(isopropylsulfonyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-N-(propylsulfonyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-N-[(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)sulfonyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,~~  
~~benzyl-(2-(((3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indol-6-yl)carbonyl)amino)sulfonyl)ethyl)carbamate,~~  
~~N-[(2-aminoethyl)sulfonyl]-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-N-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]sulfonyl]-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-N-[(2-phenylethyl)sulfonyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,~~  
~~N-(benzylsulfonyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,~~  
~~N-(benzylsulfonyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{methyl[(1-methylpiperidin-3-yl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,~~  
~~N-(benzylsulfonyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(3-furyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-N-(phenylsulfonyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-[(4-methoxyphenyl)sulfonyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-N-(pyridin-3-ylsulfonyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,~~  
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-N-(3-thienylsulfonyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,~~  
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

4-5 (canceled):

6 (withdrawn-currently amended): A method for the treatment or prevention of illness due to hepatitis C virus, which method comprises administration to a subject suffering from the condition a compound as claimed in claim ~~1~~2 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

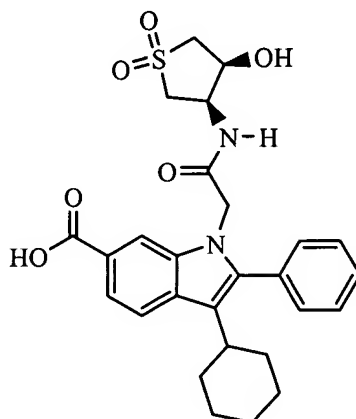
7-8 (canceled):

9 (withdrawn-currently amended): A method of inhibiting hepatitis C virus polymerase which comprises administering to a subject in need of such inhibition an effective amount of a compound of according to claim ~~1~~2 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

10 (canceled):

11 (currently amended): A compound according to claim ~~10~~2, wherein:  
~~R<sup>3</sup> is CO<sub>2</sub>H, heteroaryl, or C(O)NR<sup>9</sup>R<sup>10</sup>;~~  
R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen or methyl;  
~~R<sup>9</sup> is hydrogen or methyl; and~~  
Q<sup>1</sup> is fluorine, chlorine, methyl, or methoxy  
~~R<sup>10</sup> is SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>11</sup>; and~~  
~~R<sup>11</sup> is C1-4 alkyl, phenyl, benzyl, trifluoromethyl, CH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>, methoxyphenyl, pyridyl, thienyl, or (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-phenyl.~~

12 (new): The compound of claim 2, wherein said compound has the following structure:



13. (new): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound as claimed in claim 2 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

14 (new): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound as claimed in claim 3 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

15 (new): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound as claimed in claim 11 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

16 (new): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound as claimed in claim 12 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.